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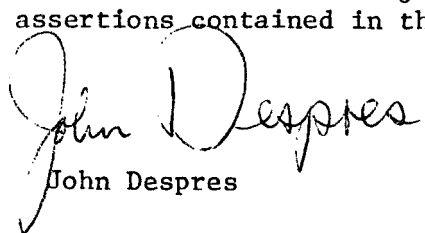
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM: John Despres
National Intelligence Officer for Nuclear Proliferation

SUBJECT: Monthly Warning Report--Nuclear Proliferation [REDACTED] 25X1

1. Action Requested: None; for your information only. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. Background: The Interagency Intelligence Working Group on Nuclear Proliferation met on 20 December to discuss items for warning. The attached report is my summary of warning judgments, drawing on, inter alia, a number of points that were discussed at the meeting. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. Agency representatives were asked for their views of the warning process and meetings. The general view was that the monthly meetings were very useful. They were said to provide a unique opportunity to exchange views on emerging problems, to indicate new priorities and foci for collection and analysis, and to evaluate specific information sources and reports. While placing value on the meetings and the process, the State/INR representative objected to the dissemination of reports that contained judgments that raised questions about their own views and those of the Community. In several instances, State/INR has had to explain to departmental officials the basis for their own judgments and differences with projections and assertions contained in the monthly warning reports. [REDACTED] 25X1


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Attachment a/s

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With the exception of India, there have been no developments, nor is there new information, warranting a change in the judgments presented in the warning report of 5 December. Concerning India, a reported recent decision to postpone the nuclear study work that is being done by the military services could have the effect of deferring any plans or preparations to resume nuclear testing.

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*NOTE: This memorandum is one of a series produced monthly by NIO/NP. Its purpose is to review possible developments in the short-term future that would be damaging to US interests. Obviously, many of these developments will not occur in the time frame or in the manner suggested, or will not occur at all.

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